



# THE LABOR MARKET REPORT

*THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT*

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## TENNESSEE AND COUNTY POPULATION ESTIMATES 2000 TO 2002

### Special Points of Interest:

- County population estimates for 2000, 2001, and 2002.
- Tennessee Historical Civilian Labor Force Series, 1972 to Current
- County Unemployment Rates
- Civilian Labor Force Summary
- State Unemployment Insurance Activities

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According to estimates published by the Bureau of the Census, the population of the state of Tennessee was 5,797,289, up 47,891 (0.8 percent) from the previous July 1 estimate (See the table on page 2).

The Population Division of the Bureau of the Census gives estimates of statewide and county population each July 1. The estimating methodology has remained unchanged for more than 20 years.

The most recent decennial census data of April 1, 2000, were used. These census data are updated with information for births, deaths, internal migration, and international migration that have occurred from the census date to the date of the population estimate. For the net migration component, the bureau relies on an annual extract of tax returns to develop net migration rates for the population under age 65 for the counties.

The largest population increases in the past year were in Rutherford

County (up 5,713), Shelby County (up 5,320), Williamson County (up 4,434), Knox County (up 3,742), Sumner County (up 2,566), Wilson County (up 1,899), Montgomery County (up 1,854), and Blount County (up 1,823). These eight counties, which consist of Memphis, Clarksville, suburban Nashville, and suburban Knoxville, account for a population increase of 27,351, or 57.11 percent of the entire state increase.

Williamson County had the largest percentage increase (up 3.2 percent) followed by Rutherford County (up 2.9 percent) and Robertson County (up 2.1 percent). Haywood County had the largest percentage decline (down 1.1 percent).

There were 22 counties that had declining population during the last year. The largest decline was in Davidson County (down 334 people). The seven adjacent counties to Davidson County that make up the Nashville MSA increased by a total of 16,786 people during the year. Other counties with large declines included Carroll (down 315), Haywood (down 220), Hamblen (down 210), and

Giles (down 170).

The largest county is Shelby with a population of 905,678. It is followed (in order) by Davidson County (570,785), Knox County (389,327), Hamilton County (309,321), Rutherford County (194,934), Sullivan County (153,051), Montgomery County (138,241), Williamson County (136,889), Sumner County (136,170), and Blount County (109,849). Williamson and Blount counties increased their ranking from 2001.

The smallest county is Pickett County with 4,999 persons. The next smallest counties (in order from the smallest) are Van Buren, Moore, Hancock, Trousdale, Perry, Lake, Houston, Clay, and Jackson. This ranking remains similar to the previous year. Only Houston and Clay counties changed ranking based on last year's growth/decline.

All these counties, except Jackson County, have fewer than 10,000 persons. All these counties except Moore, Van Buren, and Clay County declined or had growth of less than 20 people last year.

# TENNESSEE COUNTY POPULATION ESTIMATES 2000 TO 2002

County	July 1, 2002 Population	July 1, 2001 Population	July 1, 2000 Population	Change 2001 to 2002	County	July 1, 2002 Popula- tion	July 1, 2001 Popula- tion	July 1, 2000 Popula- tion	Change 2001 to 2002
<b>Tennessee</b>	<b>5,797,289</b>	<b>5,749,398</b>	<b>5,703,246</b>	<b>47,891</b>	Lake	7,793	7,848	7,941	(55)
Anderson	71,627	71,441	71,284	186	Lauderdale	28,007	28,017	27,050	(10)
Bedford	39,408	38,626	37,828	782	Lawrence	40,463	40,027	39,958	436
Benton	16,483	16,594	16,532	(111)	Lewis	11,463	11,471	11,374	(8)
Bledsoe	12,478	12,469	12,411	9	Lincoln	31,777	31,621	31,412	156
Blount	109,849	108,026	106,237	1,823	Loudon	40,631	39,939	39,225	692
Bradley	89,677	88,910	88,174	767	McMinn	50,051	49,682	49,180	369
Campbell	40,013	39,895	39,937	118	McNairy	24,716	24,714	24,714	2
Cannon	13,060	13,057	12,915	3	Macon	20,860	20,866	20,453	(6)
Carroll	29,320	29,635	29,464	(315)	Madison	93,367	92,923	92,010	444
Carter	56,746	56,737	56,841	9	Marion	27,654	27,709	27,772	(55)
Cheatham	36,986	36,541	36,110	445	Marshall	27,370	27,141	26,876	229
Chester	15,923	15,827	15,549	96	Maury	71,600	70,297	69,730	1,303
Claiborne	30,163	30,159	29,914	4	Meigs	11,310	11,226	11,129	84
Clay	8,021	7,996	7,985	25	Monroe	40,159	39,585	39,182	574
Cocke	34,115	33,731	33,616	384	Montgomery	138,241	136,387	135,435	1,854
Coffee	49,408	48,636	48,173	772	Moore	5,928	5,823	5,767	105
Crockett	14,522	14,566	14,548	(44)	Morgan	19,847	19,864	19,780	(17)
Cumberland	48,604	47,662	47,017	942	Obion	32,394	32,384	32,493	10
Davidson	570,785	571,119	570,053	(334)	Overton	20,276	20,193	20,192	83
Decatur	11,629	11,703	11,706	(74)	Perry	7,548	7,530	7,642	18
DeKalb	17,700	17,573	17,458	127	Pickett	4,999	4,988	4,935	11
Dickson	44,231	43,727	43,331	504	Polk	16,142	16,208	16,098	(66)
Dyer	36,984	37,083	37,317	(99)	Putnam	64,300	63,327	62,486	973
Fayette	31,202	30,252	29,131	950	Rhea	28,939	28,626	28,467	313
Fentress	16,868	16,695	16,643	173	Roane	52,316	51,982	51,944	334
Franklin	39,998	39,782	39,346	216	Robertson	57,446	56,221	54,859	1,225
Gibson	48,274	48,157	48,180	117	Rutherford	194,934	189,221	183,436	5,713
Giles	29,355	29,525	29,466	(170)	Scott	21,558	21,487	21,179	71
Grainger	21,109	20,888	20,720	221	Sequatchie	11,787	11,568	11,413	219
Greene	63,763	63,374	63,042	389	Sevier	74,456	73,155	71,713	1,301
Grundy	14,335	14,257	14,329	78	Shelby	905,678	900,358	898,423	5,320
Hamblen	58,623	58,833	58,239	(210)	Smith	18,177	17,956	17,817	221
Hamilton	309,321	308,415	308,013	906	Stewart	12,704	12,567	12,450	137
Hancock	6,793	6,811	6,776	(18)	Sullivan	153,051	152,543	152,933	508
Hardeman	29,812	29,741	28,137	71	Sumner	136,170	133,604	131,139	2,566
Hardin	25,825	25,757	25,582	68	Tipton	53,436	52,832	51,570	604
Hawkins	54,793	54,234	53,696	559	Trousdale	7,354	7,345	7,324	9
Haywood	19,655	19,875	19,827	(220)	Unicoi	17,740	17,657	17,650	83
Henderson	25,733	25,638	25,603	95	Union	18,541	18,322	17,867	219
Henry	31,192	31,118	31,143	74	Van Buren	5,541	5,471	5,516	70
Hickman	23,125	22,690	22,436	435	Warren	38,896	38,777	38,414	119
Houston	7,948	8,002	8,025	(54)	Washington	109,019	107,678	107,469	1,341
Humphreys	18,081	18,102	17,927	(21)	Wayne	17,312	17,339	16,836	(27)
Jackson	11,138	11,145	11,027	(7)	Weakley	34,208	34,355	34,903	(147)
Jefferson	45,801	45,080	44,582	721	White	23,434	23,372	23,132	62
Johnson	17,925	17,888	17,513	37	Williamson	136,889	132,455	128,101	4,434
Knox	389,327	385,585	382,803	3,742	Wilson	93,079	91,180	89,271	1,899

# STATEWIDE

## HISTORICAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

## UNEMPLOYMENT RATES BY COUNTY\*\*

(NUMBERS IN THOUSANDS)

(ALL DATA SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

Year and Month	Civilian Labor Force							Unemployed Number	Rate (%)
	Total	Employment	Employed						
			Total	Manu- facturing	Trade	Services			
1973	1,766.0	1,696.0	1,531.1	519.4	312.0	221.9	69.0	3.9 %	
1974	1,841.0	1,748.0	1,558.2	513.3	321.0	227.6	93.0	5.1	
1975	1,836.0	1,683.0	1,505.7	459.0	320.8	229.4	154.0	8.3	
1976	1,866.0	1,754.0	1,575.4	486.1	339.5	240.5	112.0	6.0	
1977	1,941.0	1,819.0	1,648.1	507.5	357.2	254.5	122.0	6.3	
1978	1,966.0	1,852.0	1,737.0	526.0	379.1	270.7	114.0	5.8	
1979	2,039.0	1,921.0	1,777.3	524.7	388.7	285.4	118.0	5.8	
1980	2,080.0	1,928.0	1,746.6	502.1	379.7	291.0	152.0	7.3	
1981	2,116.0	1,924.0	1,775.4	506.9	379.9	304.4	192.0	9.1	
1982	2,129.0	1,877.0	1,703.0	466.7	380.5	313.1	252.0	11.8	
1983	2,180.0	1,930.0	1,719.0	468.6	389.9	323.4	250.0	11.5	
1984	2,220.0	2,030.0	1,812.0	497.1	413.3	344.3	190.0	8.6	
1985	2,253.0	2,073.0	1,867.8	492.4	435.3	360.2	180.0	8.0	
1986	2,290.0	2,106.0	1,929.8	490.5	452.1	384.7	184.0	8.0	
1987	2,334.0	2,180.0	2,011.6	497.4	477.2	408.9	154.0	6.6	
1988	2,338.0	2,203.0	2,092.1	511.9	495.6	440.3	135.0	5.8	
1989	2,368.0	2,247.0	2,167.2	524.5	508.4	467.2	121.0	5.1	
1990	2,387.3	2,261.5	2,193.2	520.3	517.2	486.3	125.9	5.3	
1991	2,421.0	2,258.1	2,183.6	502.7	511.6	505.2	162.9	6.7	
1992	2,455.5	2,297.8	2,245.0	514.5	517.7	541.1	157.7	6.4	
1993	2,500.5	2,356.7	2,328.5	528.4	535.9	572.4	143.8	5.7	
1994	2,664.6	2,537.1	2,423.0	538.9	562.1	603.8	127.5	4.8	
1995	2,700.8	2,560.6	2,499.0	538.9	585.5	638.0	140.1	5.2	
1996	2,744.1	2,602.7	2,533.4	519.2	594.4	658.7	141.4	5.2	
1997	2,707.8	2,561.7	2,584.0	517.6	610.2	682.4	146.1	5.4	
1998	2,759.5	2,643.8	2,638.5	514.7	620.5	703.4	115.7	4.2	
1999	2,818.8	2,705.3	2,685.4	511.1	630.8	721.9	113.5	4.0	
2000	2,798.4	2,688.2	2,728.9	506.8	641.8	742.8	110.2	3.9	
2001	2,817.7	2,691.7	2,711.5	478.5	638.5	754.9	126.0	4.5	
2002	2,926.3	2,776.4	2,666.2	NA	NA	NA	149.9	5.1	
2003									
January	2,886.3	2,751.2	2,657.5	NA	NA	NA	135.1	4.7 %	
February	2,893.7	2,756.1	2,663.9	NA	NA	NA	137.6	4.8	
March	2,891.1	2,752.5	2,668.4	NA	NA	NA	138.6	4.8	
April	2,899.7	2,754.0	2,672.2	NA	NA	NA	145.7	5.0	
May	2,906.8	2,756.6	2,671.4	NA	NA	NA	150.2	5.2	
June	2,910.7	2,755.2	2,677.3	NA	NA	NA	155.5	5.3	
July	2,902.7	2,756.2	2,672.9	NA	NA	NA	146.5	5.0	
August (r)	2,897.8	2,751.4	2,678.3	NA	NA	NA	146.4	5.1	
September (p)	2,904.7	2,749.2	2,675.0	NA	NA	NA	155.5	5.4	
October									
November									
December									

(r)=revised

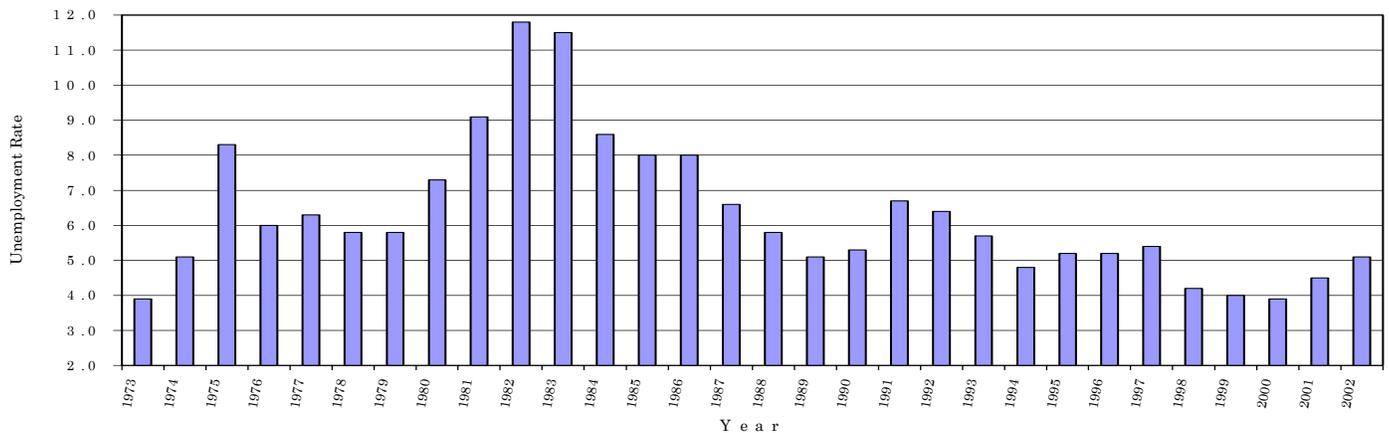
NA- Not available due to NAICS conversion

(p)=preliminary

County	Sep 2002	Sep 2003	County	Sep 2002	Sep 2003
	Anderson	2.9		3.9	Lauderdale
Bedford	5.5	7.2	Lawrence	9.3	10.0
Benton	5.9	9.5	Lewis	8.8	9.0
Bledsoe	4.9	7.7	Lincoln	4.4	4.8
Blount	3.0	3.2	Loudon	3.7	3.2
Bradley	4.0	4.8	Macon	6.3	8.0
Campbell	4.9	5.2	Madison	5.1	5.1
Cannon	4.9	4.7	Marion	5.4	4.5
Carroll	11.8	10.7	Marshall	4.4	11.0
Carter	5.8	4.9	Maury	4.2	5.1
Cheatham	3.3	3.8	McMinn	6.9	7.9
Chester	4.9	3.9	McNairy	6.3	6.2
Claiborne	3.8	4.0	Meigs	7.9	6.6
Clay	7.6	11.4	Monroe	6.4	6.7
Cocke	5.6	5.6	Montgomery	4.6	4.5
Coffee	4.0	4.0	Moore	2.6	2.8
Crockett	6.7	8.9	Morgan	11.6	9.2
Cumberland	3.9	5.0	Obion	3.8	6.6
Davidson	4.0	4.0	Overton	4.0	4.8
Decatur	7.9	7.4	Perry	6.4	4.9
DeKalb	4.1	4.3	Pickett	5.7	3.2
Dickson	4.3	4.6	Polk	5.5	4.9
Dyer	5.9	6.3	Putnam	4.7	3.7
Fayette	7.0	6.7	Rhea	4.9	4.9
Fentress	7.0	6.9	Roane	4.5	5.2
Franklin	3.5	4.5	Robertson	5.1	5.0
Gibson	8.6	9.0	Rutherford	3.7	4.0
Giles	6.6	8.3	Scott	9.2	8.4
Grainger	7.1	5.5	Sequatchie	4.0	4.7
Greene	5.0	5.6	Sevier	3.0	3.3
Grundy	5.7	4.9	Shelby	5.2	5.8
Hamblen	4.6	6.2	Smith	3.5	7.6
Hamilton	3.5	3.6	Stewart	6.9	7.8
Hancock	6.3	5.1	Sullivan	4.2	5.3
Hardeman	8.9	9.6	Sumner	4.0	4.1
Hardin	5.3	7.7	Tipton	5.2	6.5
Hawkins	4.5	5.7	Trousdale	8.4	9.0
Haywood	9.6	10.8	Unicoi	5.0	5.5
Henderson	7.3	6.4	Union	4.5	4.0
Henry	6.3	10.3	Van Buren	4.7	6.4
Hickman	6.3	5.9	Warren	5.9	5.1
Houston	8.5	11.3	Washington	4.4	3.8
Humphreys	6.2	7.9	Wayne	7.9	9.8
Jackson	5.0	6.8	Weakley	6.7	7.6
Jefferson	4.0	4.6	White	5.9	7.3
Johnson	6.7	7.1	Williamson	2.6	2.6
Knox	2.5	2.8	Wilson	3.8	4.2
Lake	5.1	4.5			

\*\*Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

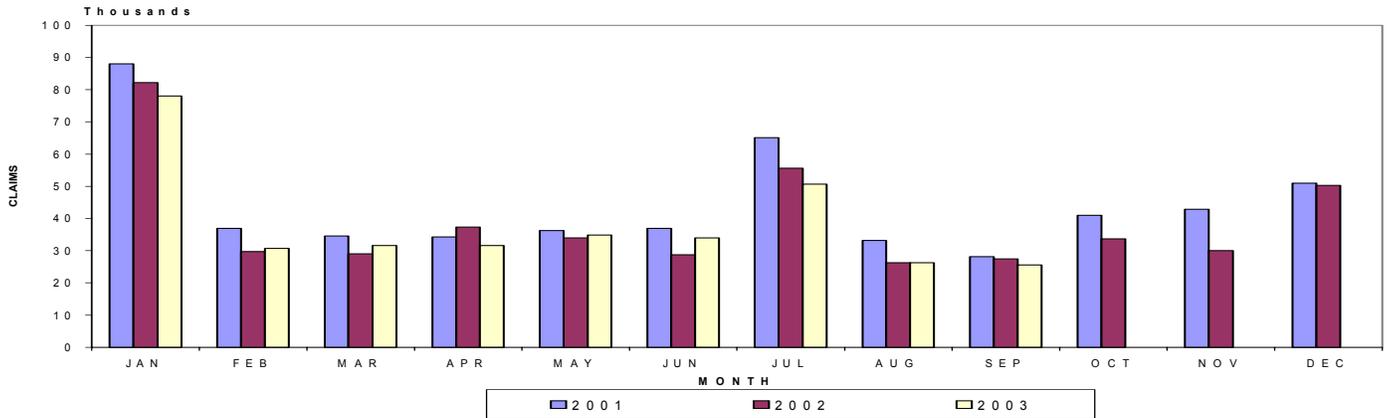
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## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

### MONTHLY INITIAL CLAIMS



## BENEFIT PROGRAMS

### STATE BENEFIT PROGRAM

CLAIMS	Sept. 2002	Aug. 2003	Sept. 2003
Initial Claims	27,435	26,276	25,537
Continued Weeks Claimed	224,591	212,407	236,090
Nonmonetary Determinations	6,524	7,009	7,348
Appeals Decisions	1,635	2,310	2,414
Lower Authority	1,407	2,025	1,935
Higher Authority	228	285	479

### BENEFITS

Amount Paid	\$43,640,339	\$41,175,192	\$45,787,713
Benefit Weeks Paid	216,622	210,194	217,814
Average Weekly Benefit Amount	\$212	\$210	\$214
First Payments	14,345	12,653	11,576
Final Payments	7,374	6,068	6,542
Average Weeks Duration	13	14	14
Trust Fund Balance*	\$658,782,421	\$577,971,713	\$545,046,235

### FEDERAL BENEFIT PROGRAMS

FORMER FEDERAL EMPLOYEES	Sept. 2002	Aug. 2003	Sept. 2003
Benefits Paid	\$591,949	\$566,642	\$685,396
Benefit Weeks Claimed	2,162	1,965	2,217
Initial Claims	331	194	212
Continued Weeks Claimed	2,361	1,949	2,424
Appeals Decisions	10	5	16

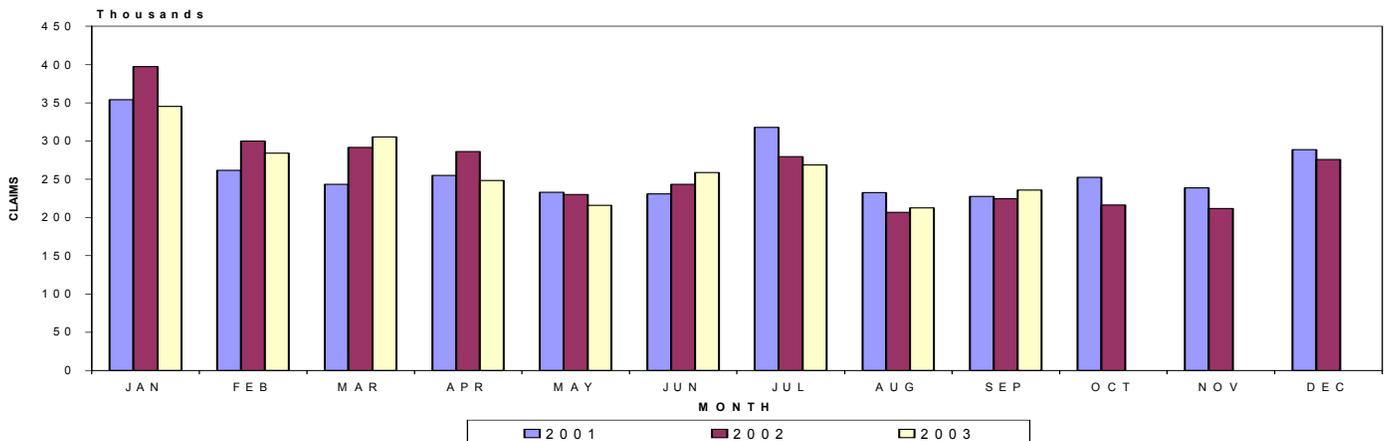
### FORMER MILITARY PERSONNEL

Benefits Paid	\$333,496	\$260,271	\$374,113
Benefit Weeks Claimed	1,223	891	1,044
Initial Claims	83	117	127
Continued Weeks Claimed	1,235	920	1,152
Appeals Decisions	0	2	0

\*Trust Fund includes one time deposit in March 2002 of \$162 million of Reed Act funds.

## CONTINUED WEEKS CLAIMED

### MONTHLY CONTINUED WEEKS CLAIMED



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## ESTIMATED NONFARM EMPLOYMENT (in thousands)

Industry	September 2002	Revised August 2003	Preliminary September 2003	Net Change	
				Sep. 2002 Sep. 2003	Aug. 2003 Sep. 2003
Total Nonfarm	2,687.5	2,679.3	<b>2,688.5</b>	1.0	9.2
Total Private	2,278.5	2,280.0	<b>2,276.3</b>	-2.2	-3.7
Goods-Producing	548.4	533.1	<b>532.5</b>	-15.9	-0.6
Natural Resources & Mining	4.6	4.4	4.4	-0.2	0.0
Construction	117.5	113.2	<b>112.8</b>	-4.7	-0.4
Specialty Trade Contractors	72.2	69.8	<b>69.6</b>	-2.6	-0.2
Manufacturing	426.3	415.5	<b>415.3</b>	-11.0	-0.2
Durable Goods Manufacturing	259.1	251.7	<b>251.7</b>	-7.4	0.0
Wood Product Manufacturing	18.0	17.6	<b>17.6</b>	-0.4	0.0
Nonmetallic Mineral Product Manufacturing	14.9	14.9	<b>15.0</b>	0.1	0.1
Primary Metal Manufacturing	12.5	12.1	<b>12.1</b>	-0.4	0.0
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	41.6	40.8	<b>40.6</b>	-1.0	-0.2
Machinery Manufacturing	35.6	32.5	<b>32.7</b>	-2.9	0.2
Computer & Electronic Product Manufacturing	12.6	12.3	<b>12.3</b>	-0.3	0.0
Electrical Equipment & Appliance Manufacturing	24.3	22.9	<b>23.1</b>	-1.2	0.2
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	61.3	60.8	<b>60.7</b>	-0.6	-0.1
Motor Vehicle Parts Manufacturing	34.0	33.6	<b>33.5</b>	-0.5	-0.1
Furniture & Related Product Manufacturing	21.2	20.6	<b>20.4</b>	-0.8	-0.2
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	17.1	17.2	<b>17.2</b>	0.1	0.0
Nondurable Goods Manufacturing	167.2	163.8	<b>163.6</b>	-3.6	-0.2
Food Manufacturing	36.3	36.3	<b>36.3</b>	0.0	0.0
Animal Slaughtering & Processing	11.0	11.1	<b>11.0</b>	0.0	-0.1
Bakeries & Tortilla Manufacturing	8.7	8.4	<b>8.4</b>	-0.3	0.0
Beverage & Tobacco Product Manufacturing	6.4	6.5	<b>6.4</b>	0.0	-0.1
Textile Mills	7.6	7.1	<b>7.1</b>	-0.5	0.0
Textile Product Mills	3.7	3.7	<b>3.8</b>	0.1	0.1
Apparel Manufacturing	11.0	9.7	<b>9.7</b>	-1.3	0.0
Paper Manufacturing	20.2	19.2	<b>19.2</b>	-1.0	0.0
Printing & Related Support Activities	20.8	20.7	<b>20.6</b>	-0.2	-0.1
Chemical Manufacturing	28.3	28.1	<b>28.1</b>	-0.2	0.0
Plastics & Rubber Products Manufacturing	30.4	29.3	<b>29.4</b>	-1.0	0.1
Plastics Product Manufacturing	15.3	15.0	<b>15.1</b>	-0.2	0.1
Rubber Product Manufacturing	15.1	14.3	<b>14.3</b>	-0.8	0.0
Service-Providing	2,139.1	2,146.2	<b>2,156.0</b>	16.9	9.8
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	576.0	574.5	<b>574.6</b>	-1.4	0.1
Wholesale Trade	127.2	128.0	<b>128.5</b>	1.3	0.5
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	64.1	64.0	<b>64.1</b>	0.0	0.1
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	47.4	47.4	<b>47.5</b>	0.1	0.1
Retail Trade	310.8	311.7	<b>312.1</b>	1.3	0.4
Motor Vehicle & Parts Dealers	41.3	41.3	<b>41.2</b>	-0.1	-0.1
Furniture & Home Furnishings Stores	9.0	9.2	<b>9.0</b>	0.0	-0.2
Building Material, Garden Equipment, & Supplies	24.5	24.8	<b>24.7</b>	0.2	-0.1
Food & Beverage Stores	47.8	47.2	<b>47.0</b>	-0.8	-0.2
Health & Personal Care Stores	18.8	19.0	<b>19.2</b>	0.4	0.2
Gasoline Stations	25.0	23.6	<b>23.6</b>	-1.4	0.0
Clothing & Clothing Accessories Stores	27.4	27.8	<b>27.6</b>	0.2	-0.2
Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book, & Music Stores	12.7	13.0	<b>12.9</b>	0.2	-0.1
General Merchandise Stores	69.3	68.3	<b>69.4</b>	0.1	1.1
Miscellaneous Store Retailers	19.6	19.9	<b>20.0</b>	0.4	0.1
Nonstore Retailers	10.3	9.7	<b>10.0</b>	-0.3	0.3
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	138.0	134.8	<b>134.0</b>	-4.0	-0.8
Utilities	3.5	3.6	<b>3.5</b>	0.0	-0.1
Transportation & Warehousing	134.5	131.2	<b>130.5</b>	-4.0	-0.7
Truck Transportation	60.2	57.8	<b>57.6</b>	-2.6	-0.2
Information	52.8	52.1	<b>51.6</b>	-1.2	-0.5
Publishing Industries (except internet)	15.7	15.6	<b>15.7</b>	0.0	0.1
Telecommunications	17.3	16.8	<b>16.7</b>	-0.6	-0.1
Financial Activities	138.7	139.8	<b>139.0</b>	0.3	-0.8
Finance & Insurance	102.8	102.7	<b>102.3</b>	-0.5	-0.4
Real Estate, Rental, & Leasing	35.9	37.1	<b>36.7</b>	0.8	-0.4
Professional & Business Services	312.6	317.3	<b>316.7</b>	4.1	-0.6
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services	95.9	95.5	<b>95.6</b>	-0.3	0.1
Management of Companies & Enterprises	23.5	23.2	<b>23.3</b>	-0.2	0.1
Administrative, Support, & Waste Management	193.2	198.6	<b>197.8</b>	4.6	-0.8
Educational & Health Services	303.4	308.4	<b>312.4</b>	9.0	4.0
Educational Services	39.4	37.1	<b>40.6</b>	1.2	3.5
Health Care & Social Assistance	264.0	271.3	<b>271.8</b>	7.8	0.5
Ambulatory Health Care Services	93.2	95.5	<b>95.7</b>	2.5	0.2
Hospitals	85.5	88.3	<b>88.6</b>	3.1	0.3
Nursing & Residential Care Facilities	48.4	49.9	<b>50.0</b>	1.6	0.1
Social Assistance	36.9	37.6	<b>37.5</b>	0.6	-0.1
Leisure & Hospitality	244.7	252.8	<b>247.2</b>	2.5	-5.6
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	28.8	31.0	<b>29.1</b>	0.3	-1.9
Accommodation & Food Services	215.9	221.8	<b>218.1</b>	2.2	-3.7
Accommodation	35.4	36.3	<b>34.4</b>	-1.0	-1.9
Food Services & Drinking Places	180.5	185.5	<b>183.7</b>	3.2	-1.8
Other Services	101.9	102.0	<b>102.3</b>	0.4	0.3
Repair & Maintenance	23.7	24.0	<b>24.4</b>	0.7	0.4
Personal & Laundry Services	24.8	25.1	<b>25.2</b>	0.4	0.1
Government	409.0	399.3	<b>412.2</b>	3.2	12.9
Federal Government	51.3	52.0	<b>52.1</b>	0.8	0.1
State & Local Government	357.7	347.3	<b>360.1</b>	2.4	12.8
State Government	100.2	94.9	<b>100.8</b>	0.6	5.9
State Government Educational Services	53.8	48.7	<b>55.0</b>	1.2	6.3
Local Government	257.5	252.4	<b>259.3</b>	1.8	6.9
Local Government Educational Services	127.9	119.0	<b>128.4</b>	0.5	9.4

## HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

### AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS

Industry	Sep. 2002	Aug. 2003	Sep. 2003
Manufacturing	\$523.49	\$537.85	\$532.12
Durable Goods Manufacturing	\$520.58	\$538.33	\$531.90
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	\$564.61	\$593.20	\$585.46
Machinery Manufacturing	\$480.13	\$514.52	\$525.55
Nondurable Goods Manufacturing	\$528.08	\$538.65	\$530.79
Food Manufacturing	\$576.20	\$547.52	\$573.19

### AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS

Industry	Sep. 2002	Aug. 2003	Sep. 2003
Manufacturing	39.9	39.9	39.3
Durable Goods Manufacturing	39.2	39.7	39.4
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	40.1	40.0	39.8
Machinery Manufacturing	36.1	38.0	38.7
Nondurable Goods Manufacturing	41.0	40.5	39.0
Food Manufacturing	43.0	41.7	41.9

### AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS

Industry	Sep. 2002	Aug. 2003	Sep. 2003
Manufacturing	\$13.12	\$13.48	\$13.54
Durable Goods Manufacturing	\$13.28	\$13.56	\$13.50
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	\$14.08	\$14.83	\$14.71
Machinery Manufacturing	\$13.30	\$13.54	\$13.58
Nondurable Goods Manufacturing	\$12.88	\$13.30	\$13.61
Food Manufacturing	\$13.40	\$13.13	\$13.68

## NONFARM EMPLOYMENT AND LABOR-FORCE IN TENNESSEE

Tennessee's seasonally adjusted estimated unemployment rate for September 2003 was 5.4 percent, up three-tenths of a percentage point from the August 2003 rate. This is the 33rd consecutive month that the Tennessee unemployment rate was lower than the national rate.

The United States estimated unemployment rate was 6.1 percent in September 2003. In September 2002, the national unemployment rate was 5.7 percent, and the state unemployment rate was 4.9 percent.

Across Tennessee, the unemployment rate decreased in 65 counties, increased in 21 counties, and remained the same in nine counties. The lowest rate occurred in Williamson County at 2.6 percent, down 0.1 percentage point from the previous month. The highest rate was Lauderdale County's 14.8 percent, down from 15.3 percent in August 2003. (Continued on Page 6)

# CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

## CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

	September 2002				Revised August 2003				Preliminary September 2003			
	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployed	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployed	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployed	Rate
<b>Seasonally Adjusted</b>												
U.S.	145,633,000	137,312,000	8,321,000	5.7	146,530,000	137,625,000	8,905,000	6.1	146,546,000	137,573,000	8,973,000	6.1
TENNESSEE	2,932,100	2,788,700	143,400	4.9	2,897,800	2,751,400	146,400	5.1	2,904,700	2,749,200	155,500	5.4
<b>Not Seasonally Adjusted</b>												
U.S.	145,167,000	137,377,000	7,790,000	5.4	146,967,000	138,137,000	8,830,000	6.0	146,167,000	137,731,000	8,436,000	5.8
TENNESSEE	2,945,600	2,811,300	134,300	4.6	2,923,100	2,773,500	149,600	5.1	2,920,300	2,774,800	145,500	5.0
<b>Metropolitan Statistical Area</b>												
CHATANOOGA	238,700	229,800	8,900	3.7	237,200	228,300	8,900	3.8	236,800	228,600	8,200	3.5
TRI-CITIES	232,400	2,210,200	11,200	4.8	232,200	219,800	12,400	5.3	232,100	219,900	12,200	5.3
KNOXVILLE	383,400	372,800	10,600	2.8	378,400	366,300	12,100	3.2	380,100	368,400	11,700	3.1
MEMPHIS	583,600	553,600	30,000	5.1	584,600	551,200	33,400	5.7	580,600	548,100	32,500	5.6
NASHVILLE	707,700	680,600	27,100	3.8	700,400	673,100	27,300	3.9	698,000	670,700	27,300	3.9

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Total nonfarm employment increased by 1,000 jobs from September 2002 to September 2003. During this period there were increases in health care/social assistance (up 7,800 jobs), which includes an increase of 3,100 jobs in hospitals and 2,500 jobs in ambulatory health care services; administrative/support/waste management (up 4,600 jobs); food services/drinking places (up 3,200 jobs); local government (up 1,800 jobs); and wholesale and retail trade (both up 1,300 jobs).

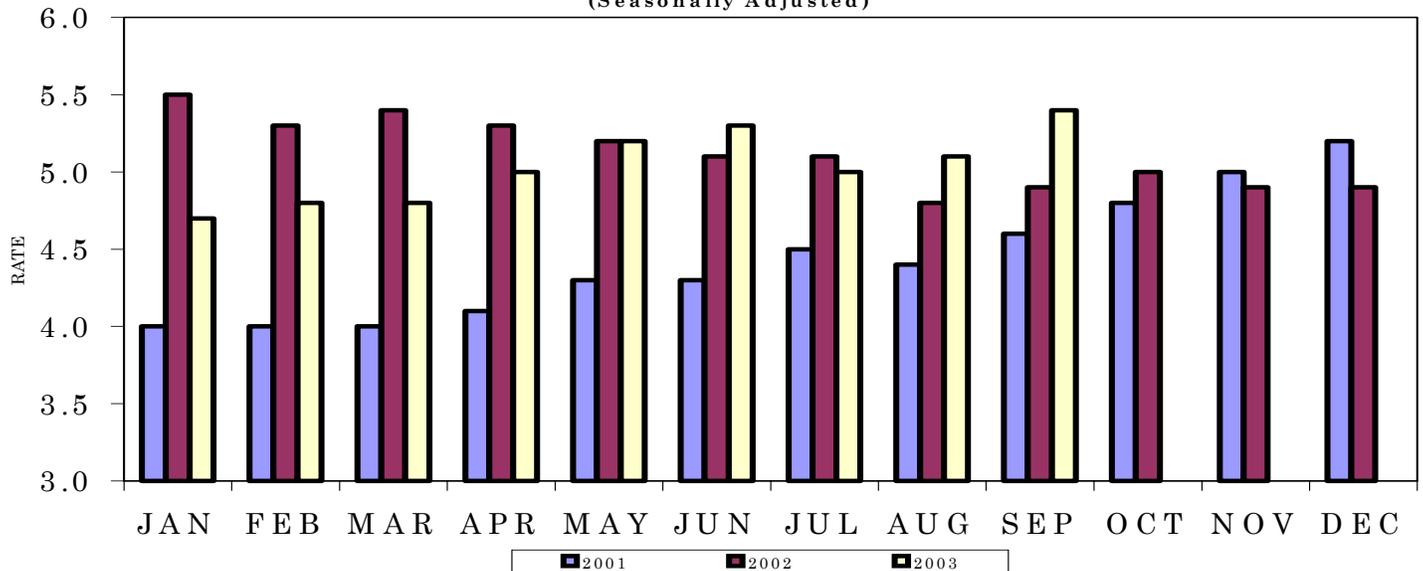
Over the year, the largest job decreases occurred in construction (down 4,700 jobs); transportation/warehousing (down 4,000 jobs), which includes a decline of 2,600 jobs in truck transportation; machinery manufacturing (down 2,900 jobs); gasoline stations (down 1,400 jobs); apparel manufacturing (down 1,300 jobs); and electrical equipment/appliance manufacturing and information (both down 1,200 jobs).

During the past month, nonfarm employment increased by 9,200 jobs.

There were seasonal increases in local government educational services (up 9,400 jobs), state government educational services (up 6,300 job), educational services (up 3,500 jobs), and general merchandise stores (up 1,100 jobs). This was partially offset by a decrease of 5,600 jobs in leisure/hospitality, which included a drop of 3,700 jobs in accommodation/food services.

## TENNESSEE UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

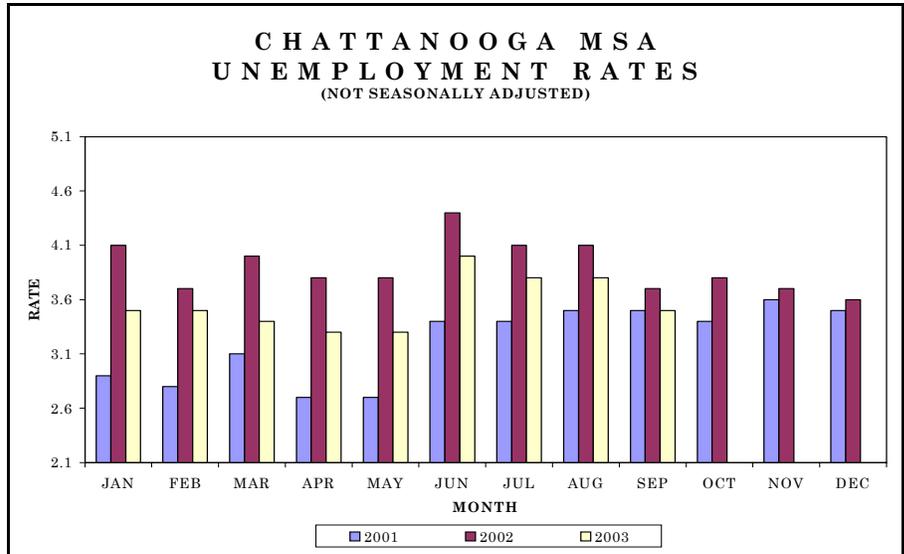
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The data from all the nonfarm employment estimates tables include all full- and part-time nonfarm wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay for, any part of the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. This is a count of jobs by place of work. Agricultural workers, proprietors, self-employed persons, workers in private households, and unpaid family workers are excluded. These numbers may not add due to rounding. Data are based on the 2002 benchmark.

Total nonfarm employment increased by 1,800 jobs from August to September. There were seasonal increases in state government (up 700 jobs), educational/health services (up 600 jobs), and local government and professional/business services (both up 300 jobs). This was partially offset by a decline in transportation/warehousing/utilities (down 300 jobs).

During the past 12 months total employment increased by 200 jobs. During that time goods-producing jobs decreased by 1,500 while service-providing jobs increased by 1,700.



## HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

## CHATTANOOGA MSA

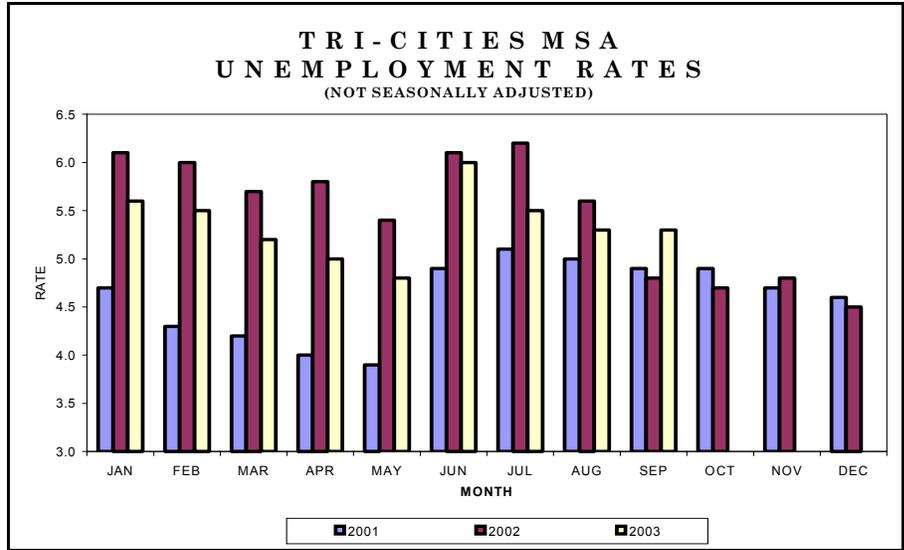
Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Sep. 2002	Aug. 2003	Sep. 2003	Sep. 2002	Sep. 2003	Sep. 2003	Sep. 2002	Aug. 2003	Sep. 2003
Manufacturing	\$544.84	\$548.78	\$569.57	42.8	40.5	40.8	\$12.73	\$13.55	\$13.96
Durable Goods Manufacturing	\$567.22	\$560.60	\$578.93	40.4	39.9	40.4	\$14.04	\$14.05	\$14.33
Nondurable Goods Manufacturing	\$528.36	\$521.64	\$550.44	44.4	42.0	41.7	\$11.90	\$12.42	\$13.20

## ESTIMATED NONFARM EMPLOYMENT (in thousands)

Industry	September 2002	Revised August 2003	Preliminary September 2003	Net Change	
				Sep. 2002 - Sep. 2003	Aug. 2003 - Sep. 2003
Total Nonfarm	231.0	229.4	231.2	0.2	1.8
Total Private	195.6	194.6	195.3	-0.3	0.7
Goods-Producing	45.6	44.0	44.1	-1.5	0.1
Natural Resources & Mining	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0
Construction	8.6	8.3	8.3	-0.3	0.0
Manufacturing	36.7	35.4	35.5	-1.2	0.1
Durable Goods Manufacturing	15.6	15.2	15.3	-0.3	0.1
Nondurable Goods Manufacturing	21.1	20.2	20.2	-0.9	0.0
Food Manufacturing	6.9	6.8	6.8	-0.1	0.0
Textile Mills	5.8	5.3	5.3	-0.5	0.0
Service-Providing	185.4	185.4	187.1	1.7	1.7
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	53.8	54.3	54.0	0.2	-0.3
Wholesale Trade	8.0	8.0	8.0	0.0	0.0
Retail Trade	26.1	26.2	26.2	0.1	0.0
General Merchandise Stores	5.7	5.6	5.7	0.0	0.1
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	19.7	20.1	19.8	0.1	-0.3
Information	2.7	2.6	2.7	0.0	0.1
Financial Activities	18.0	18.2	18.2	0.2	0.0
Professional & Business Services	24.2	24.6	24.9	0.7	0.3
Administrative, Support, & Waste Management	13.0	13.3	13.2	0.2	-0.1
Educational & Health Services	22.0	21.3	21.9	-0.1	0.6
Leisure & Hospitality	18.9	19.0	19.0	0.1	0.0
Accommodation & Food Services	16.3	16.4	16.3	0.0	-0.1
Other Services	10.4	10.6	10.5	0.1	-0.1
Government	35.4	34.8	35.9	0.5	1.1
Federal Government	7.0	7.1	7.2	0.2	0.1
State & Local Government	28.4	27.7	28.7	0.3	1.0
State Government	6.4	5.8	6.5	0.1	0.7
Local Government	22.0	21.9	22.2	0.2	0.3

Total nonfarm employment increased by 1,600 jobs from August to September. There were seasonal increases in local government (up 1,800 jobs), educational/health services (up 400 jobs), and retail trade (up 200 jobs). This was partially offset by decreases of 300 jobs in both leisure/hospitality and nondurable goods manufacturing and a decrease of 200 jobs in professional/business services.

During the past 12 months, total employment decreased by 1,300, with goods-producing jobs decreasing by 1,300 and service-providing jobs remaining unchanged.



## HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

## TRI-CITIES MSA

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Sep. 2002	Aug. 2003	Sep. 2003	Sep. 2002	Aug. 2003	Sep. 2003	Sep. 2002	Aug. 2003	Sep. 2003
Manufacturing	\$514.41	\$539.00	\$540.42	39.0	39.2	40.3	\$13.19	\$13.75	\$13.41
Durable Goods Manufacturing	\$489.75	\$538.62	\$532.07	37.5	38.5	38.5	\$13.06	\$13.99	\$13.82
Nondurable Goods Manufacturing	\$547.35	\$540.29	\$551.26	41.0	40.2	42.8	\$13.35	\$13.44	\$12.88

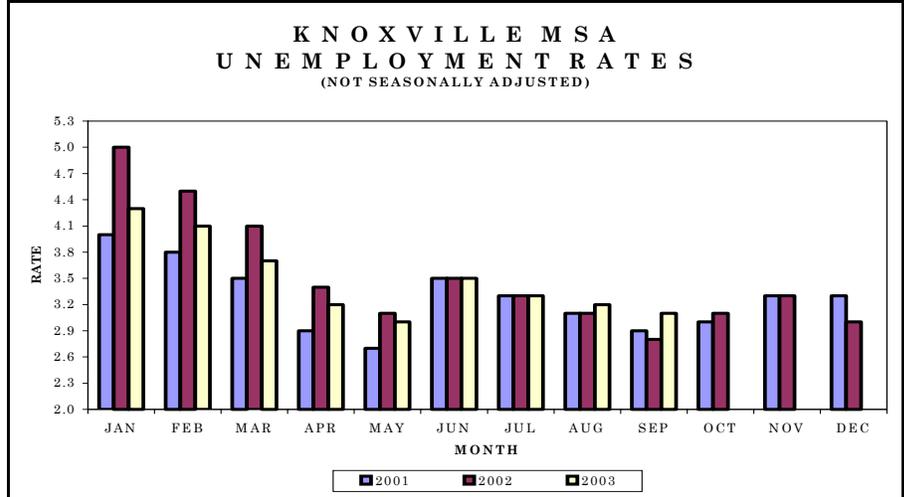
## ESTIMATED NONFARM EMPLOYMENT (in thousands)

Industry	September 2002	Revised August 2003	Preliminary September 2003	Net Change Sep. 2002 - Sep. 2003	Aug. 2003 - Sep. 2003
Total Nonfarm	197.4	194.5	196.1	-1.3	1.6
Total Private	166.5	165.4	165.2	-1.3	-0.2
Goods-Producing	51.4	50.4	50.1	-1.3	-0.3
Natural Resources & Mining	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
Construction	10.5	10.5	10.5	0.0	0.0
Manufacturing	40.7	39.7	39.4	-1.3	-0.3
Durable Goods Manufacturing	21.5	21.1	21.1	-0.4	0.0
Nondurable Goods Manufacturing	19.2	18.6	18.3	-0.9	-0.3
Service-Providing	146.0	144.1	146.0	0.0	1.9
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	36.8	36.6	36.9	0.1	0.3
Wholesale Trade	7.5	7.3	7.4	-0.1	0.1
Retail Trade	23.4	23.5	23.7	0.3	0.2
Food & Beverage Stores	4.4	4.3	4.3	-0.1	0.0
General Merchandise Stores	5.4	5.6	5.7	0.3	0.1
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	5.9	5.8	5.8	-0.1	0.0
Information	3.6	3.7	3.6	0.0	-0.1
Financial Activities	8.1	8.2	8.2	0.1	0.0
Professional & Business Services	15.4	15.4	15.2	-0.2	-0.2
Educational & Health Services	25.7	25.5	25.9	0.2	0.4
Leisure & Hospitality	18.0	18.3	18.0	0.0	-0.3
Food Services & Drinking Places	14.9	15.1	15.0	0.1	-0.1
Other Services	7.5	7.3	7.3	-0.2	0.0
Government	30.9	29.1	30.9	0.0	1.8
Federal Government	3.4	3.4	3.4	0.0	0.0
State & Local Government	27.5	25.7	27.5	0.0	1.8
State Government	7.7	7.8	7.8	0.1	0.0
Local Government	19.8	17.9	19.7	-0.1	1.8



Total nonfarm employment increased by 5,100 jobs from August to September. There were seasonal increases in local government (up 3,500 jobs); state government (up 1,100 jobs); retail trade (up 500 jobs), which includes an increase of 200 jobs in general merchandise stores; professional/business services (up 400 jobs); and construction (up 300 jobs). This was partially offset by a decrease of 900 jobs in leisure/hospitality, which includes a decline of 400 jobs in accommodation/food services.

During the past 12 months, total employment increased by 700 jobs, with goods-producing industries decreasing by 200 jobs and service-providing industries increasing by 900 jobs.



### HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

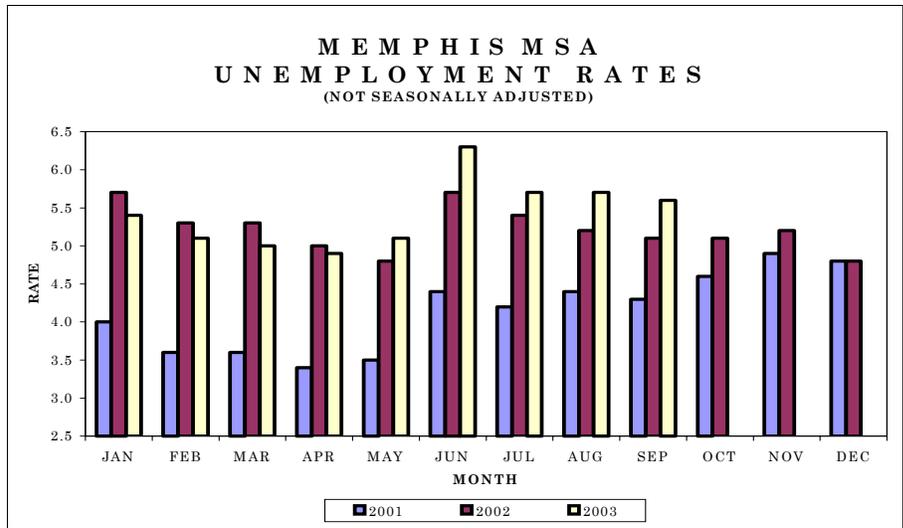
### KNOXVILLE MSA

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Sep. 2002	Aug. 2003	Sep. 2003	Sep. 2002	Aug. 2003	Sep. 2003	Sep. 2002	Aug. 2003	Sep. 2003
Manufacturing	\$568.82	\$554.13	\$546.67	41.1	40.3	39.7	\$13.84	\$13.75	\$13.77
Durable Goods Manufacturing	\$586.08	\$578.08	\$576.03	40.7	40.2	39.4	\$14.40	\$14.38	\$14.62
Nondurable Goods Manufacturing	\$534.64	\$510.75	\$491.66	41.9	40.6	40.3	\$12.76	\$12.58	\$12.20

### ESTIMATED NONFARM EMPLOYMENT (in thousands)

Industry	September 2002	Revised August 2003	Preliminary September 2003	Net Change	
				Sep. 2002 - Sep. 2003	Aug. 2003 - Sep. 2003
Total Nonfarm	350.4	346.0	351.1	0.7	5.1
Total Private	292.3	293.4	293.9	1.6	0.5
Goods-Producing	59.1	58.6	58.9	-0.2	0.3
Natural Resources & Mining	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.0	0.0
Construction	16.4	16.3	16.6	0.2	0.3
Manufacturing	42.1	41.7	41.7	-0.4	0.0
Durable Goods Manufacturing	29.6	29.5	29.5	-0.1	0.0
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	8.3	8.4	8.4	0.1	0.0
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	9.4	9.5	9.6	0.2	0.1
Nondurable Goods Manufacturing	12.5	12.2	12.2	-0.3	0.0
Service-Providing	291.3	287.4	292.2	0.9	4.8
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	73.4	74.3	74.8	1.4	0.5
Wholesale Trade	14.3	14.2	14.3	0.0	0.1
Retail Trade	48.3	48.5	49.0	0.7	0.5
Food & Beverage Stores	6.7	6.6	6.7	0.0	0.1
General Merchandise Stores	10.2	10.6	10.8	0.6	0.2
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	10.8	11.6	11.5	0.7	-0.1
Information	5.8	5.7	5.8	0.0	0.1
Financial Activities	16.4	16.9	17.0	0.6	0.1
Professional & Business Services	40.8	41.1	41.5	0.7	0.4
Administrative, Support, & Waste Management	20.6	21.0	20.9	0.3	-0.1
Educational & Health Services	36.1	36.2	36.3	0.2	0.1
Leisure & Hospitality	46.2	46.2	45.3	-0.9	-0.9
Accommodation & Food Services	39.6	40.7	40.3	0.7	-0.4
Food Services & Drinking Places	32.8	32.3	32.3	-0.5	0.0
Other Services	14.5	14.4	14.3	-0.2	-0.1
Government	58.1	52.6	57.2	-0.9	4.6
Federal Government	5.9	5.6	5.6	-0.3	0.0
State & Local Government	52.2	47.0	51.6	-0.6	4.6
State Government	21.0	19.1	20.2	-0.8	1.1
Local Government	31.2	27.9	31.4	0.2	3.5

Total nonagricultural employment increased by 1,400 jobs from August to September. There were seasonal increases in state government (up 1,300 jobs); local government (up 1,000 jobs); educational/health services (up 800 jobs); professional/business services (up 500 jobs), which includes an increase of 400 jobs in administrative/support/waste management; and retail trade (up 300 jobs), which includes an increase of 200 jobs in general merchandise stores. This was partially offset by decreases in leisure/hospitality (down 2,000 jobs), which includes a decrease of 500 jobs in food services/drinking places; transportation/warehousing/utilities (down 300 jobs); and other services (down 200 jobs).



**HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS**

**MEMPHIS MSA**

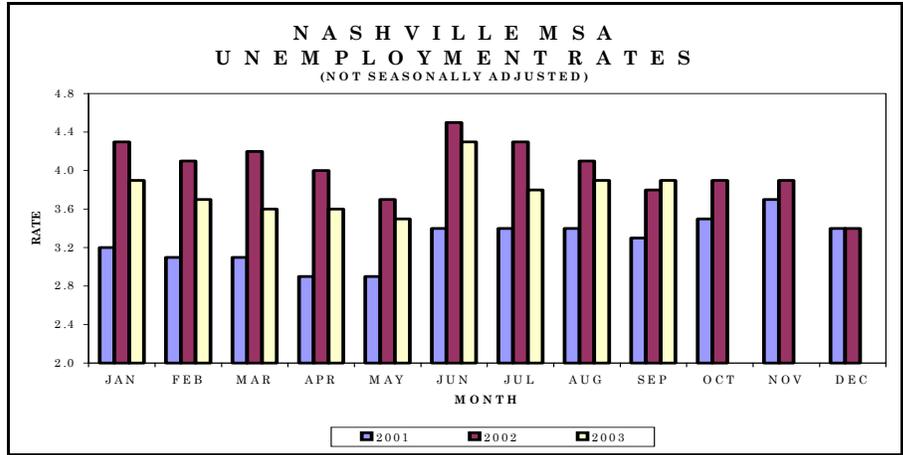
Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Sep. 2002	Aug. 2003	Sep. 2003	Sep. 2002	Aug. 2003	Sep. 2003	Sep. 2002	Aug. 2003	Sep. 2003
Manufacturing	\$594.79	\$638.01	\$626.93	40.6	41.7	41.3	\$14.65	\$15.30	\$15.18
Durable Goods Manufacturing	\$499.48	\$550.68	\$541.06	38.9	39.0	38.4	\$12.84	\$14.12	\$14.09
Nondurable Goods Manufacturing	\$672.42	\$707.67	\$694.11	42.0	43.9	43.6	\$16.01	\$16.12	\$15.92

**ESTIMATED NONFARM EMPLOYMENT (in thousands)**

Industry	September 2002	Revised August 2003	Preliminary September 2003	Net Change	
				Sep. 2002 - Sep. 2003	Aug. 2003 - Sep. 2003
Total Nonfarm	583.6	581.0	582.4	-1.2	1.4
Total Private	498.7	497.6	496.6	-2.1	-1.0
Goods-Producing	77.0	75.7	75.6	-1.4	-0.1
Natural Resources & Mining	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
Construction	25.2	24.6	24.6	-0.6	0.0
Manufacturing	51.7	51.0	50.9	-0.8	-0.1
Durable Goods Manufacturing	22.5	22.4	22.3	-0.2	-0.1
Nondurable Goods Manufacturing	29.2	28.6	28.6	-0.6	0.0
Service-Providing	506.6	505.3	506.8	0.2	1.5
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	165.0	162.9	162.9	-2.1	0.0
Wholesale Trade	35.7	35.5	35.5	-0.2	0.0
Retail Trade	68.0	67.9	68.2	0.2	0.3
Food & Beverage Stores	10.1	10.3	10.3	0.2	0.0
General Merchandise Stores	15.6	15.6	15.8	0.2	0.2
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	61.3	59.5	59.2	-2.1	-0.3
Truck Transportation	15.0	14.0	14.0	-1.0	0.0
Warehousing & Storage	4.8	5.6	5.6	0.8	0.0
Information	9.5	9.2	9.2	-0.3	0.0
Financial Activities	32.0	31.3	31.3	-0.7	0.0
Professional & Business Services	74.1	73.6	74.1	0.0	0.5
Administrative, Support, & Waste Management	51.8	51.4	51.8	0.0	0.4
Educational & Health Services	67.1	68.5	69.3	2.2	0.8
Health Care & Social Assistance	58.8	60.6	60.5	1.7	-0.1
Hospitals	22.9	23.6	23.5	0.6	-0.1
Leisure & Hospitality	51.4	53.6	51.6	0.2	-2.0
Food Services & Drinking Places	37.2	39.0	38.5	1.3	-0.5
Other Services	22.6	22.8	22.6	0.0	-0.2
Government	84.9	83.4	85.8	0.9	2.4
Federal Government	16.4	17.2	17.3	0.9	0.1
State & Local Government	68.5	66.2	68.5	0.0	2.3
State Government	15.5	13.9	15.2	-0.3	1.3
Local Government	53.0	52.3	53.3	0.3	1.0



Total nonagricultural employment increased by 4,100 jobs from August to September. There were seasonal increases in local government (up 3,900 jobs); state government (up 1,100 jobs); retail trade (up 500 jobs), which includes an increase of 200 jobs in general merchandise stores; educational services (up 400 jobs); administrative/support/waste management (up 300 jobs); information and food services/drinking places (both up 200 jobs). This was partially offset by declines in leisure/hospitality (down 1,200 jobs), transportation/warehousing/utilities (down 500 jobs), financial activities (down 400 jobs), and wholesale trade (down 300 jobs).



**HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS NASHVILLE MSA**

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Sep. 2002	Aug. 2003	Sep. 2003	Sep. 2002	2003	Sep. 2003	Sep. 2002	Aug. 2003	Sep. 2003
Manufacturing	\$528.43	\$585.68	\$562.87	38.6	39.6	38.5	\$13.69	\$14.79	\$14.62
Durable Goods Manufacturing	\$530.63	\$613.72	\$576.44	37.5	39.8	38.2	\$14.15	\$15.42	\$15.09
Nondurable Goods Manufacturing	\$522.38	\$525.83	\$533.12	41.1	39.3	39.2	\$12.71	\$13.38	\$13.60

**ESTIMATED NONFARM EMPLOYMENT (in thousands)**

Industry	September 2002	Revised August 2003	Preliminary September 2003	Net Change	
				Sep. 2002 Sep. 2003	Aug. 2003 Sep. 2003
Total Nonfarm	680.9	676.5	680.6	-0.3	4.1
Total Private	592.2	591.9	590.9	-1.3	-1.0
Goods-Producing	111.5	109.0	109.1	-2.4	0.1
Natural Resources & Mining	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0
Construction	32.0	31.6	31.5	-0.5	-0.1
Manufacturing	79.1	77.0	77.2	-1.9	0.2
Durable Goods Manufacturing	54.2	52.4	52.5	-1.7	0.1
Computer & Electronic Product Manufacturing	5.7	5.4	5.4	-0.3	0.0
Electrical Equipment & Appliance Manufacturing	6.2	5.5	5.5	-0.7	0.0
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	17.1	17.1	17.2	0.1	0.1
Nondurable Goods Manufacturing	24.9	24.6	24.7	-0.2	0.1
Service-Providing	569.4	567.5	571.5	2.1	4.0
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	132.0	128.4	128.1	-3.9	-0.3
Wholesale Trade	32.4	31.1	30.8	-1.6	-0.3
Retail Trade	74.9	73.2	73.7	-1.2	0.5
Food & Beverage Stores	10.2	10.9	10.9	0.7	0.0
General Merchandise Stores	16.6	16.7	16.9	0.3	0.2
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	24.7	24.1	23.6	-1.1	-0.5
Information	22.0	21.8	22.0	0.0	0.2
Financial Activities	43.6	43.0	42.6	-1.0	-0.4
Professional & Business Services	94.8	96.0	96.3	1.5	0.3
Administrative, Support, & Waste Management	58.4	57.8	58.1	-0.3	0.3
Educational & Health Services	89.2	92.1	92.4	3.2	0.3
Educational Services	18.5	19.0	19.4	0.9	0.4
Health Care & Social Assistance	70.7	73.1	73.0	2.3	-0.1
Hospitals	26.4	27.2	27.2	0.8	0.0
Leisure & Hospitality	69.5	71.5	70.3	0.8	-1.2
Accommodation & Food Services	60.4	60.8	60.8	0.4	0.0
Accommodation	12.6	12.5	12.4	-0.2	-0.1
Food Services & Drinking Places	47.7	48.3	48.5	0.8	0.2
Other Services	29.6	30.1	30.1	0.5	0.0
Government	88.7	84.6	89.7	1.0	5.1
Federal Government	11.1	11.2	11.3	0.2	0.1
State & Local Government	77.6	73.4	78.4	0.8	5.0
State Government	26.9	26.2	27.3	0.4	1.1
Local Government	50.7	47.2	51.1	0.4	3.9

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## U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SEPTEMBER 2003

Group	All urban consumers			Rural and nonmetropolitan areas		
	Index	Percent change		Index	Percent change	
		Sep2002 Sep2003	Aug2003 Sep2003		Sep2002 Sep2003	Aug2003 Sep2003
<b>US City Average</b>						
All items (1982=100)	1852	23	03	1810	23	04
All items (1967=100)	5547	-	-	5392	-	-
Rural and nonmetropolitan areas	1813	25	02	1807	26	03
Housing	1858	24	-02	1816	26	00
Shelter	2138	22	-02	2076	23	00
Rent of primary residence	2066	29	02	2058	29	02
Apparel	1220	-21	41	1210	-20	42
Transportation	1594	35	07	1581	33	06
Medical care	2992	40	03	2983	40	03
Recreation/	1077	14	00	1055	11	-02
Education & communication/	1109	13	07	1097	05	05
Other goods and services	2999	10	01	3079	00	00
<b>South Region</b>						
All items (1982=100)	1783	24	02	1753	21	03
All items (Dec 1977=100)	2893	-	-	2839	-	-
Rural and nonmetropolitan areas	1786	26	02	1777	28	03
Housing	1713	29	-01	1696	29	00
Apparel	1323	-30	41	1313	-28	44
Transportation	1554	32	03	1532	22	01
Medical care	2901	38	03	2910	41	03
Recreation/	1079	23	02	1055	17	00
Education & communication/	109	-01	0	1072	-09	-02
Other goods and services	2873	01	-01	2928	-07	-03

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